

Town of Acton SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

January 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bettina Abe, Kate Chung, Randall Bashta, Steve Evans, Sytske Campbell, Pam Cochrane, Cameren Cousins, Selectman Peter Berry, Acton Town Engineer Corey York, Bengt Nuten of the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Citizen's Concerns
2. December Minutes
3. Update from Engineering on Current Sidewalk Priority List
4. Complete Streets Policy / Bike Paths / Crosswalks – Sidewalk Committee Charter
5. Double Siding of Arterial Streets
6. Discussion of new street evaluations (Arlington, Pope, Esterbrook, Minuteman, John Swift, Woodbury, Newtown)

- Citizen's Concerns - none present.
- December Minutes – accepted.
- Update from Engineering on Current Sidewalk Priority List –

We did not receive a written report. Corey briefed us verbally. We did not note any major changes in status.

- Double Siding of Arterial Streets discussion; *Deciding whether or not to take the double siding project further toward prioritization:*

Route 27 / Main St. From Acton Medical to Newtown Road (Taylor Road), northwest side: ***yes, proceed toward prioritization** (5 in favor, 0 against).

- Complete Streets Policy / Bike Paths / Crosswalks – Sidewalk Committee Charter Regarding Bike Lane and 'Share the Road' projects: Corey stated that he would like to do such projects where they are needed, not just as opportunities arise. The Sidewalk Committee has not looked at these, or prioritized them– it's not in our charter. Possible future projects: Acton Center, Kelley's Corner, River Street, connecting the 2 Rail Trails in town. Should the Sidewalk Committee take on Crosswalk locations? Corey: The state has changed their view for the better toward 'people moving' vs. just car traffic moving, so is receptive to crosswalk projects on state roads. There are many overlaps with the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee); no one owns the responsibility so share it. We should all 'be mindful' of bike paths and crosswalks.

- Discussion of new street evaluations (Arlington, Pope, Esterbrook, Minuteman,

John Swift, Woodbury, Newtown) - ⑦Postponed to next meeting due to meeting time expired.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Evans

Common abbreviations:

SWC: sidewalk committee
DOT: Department of Transportation
BOS: Board of Selectmen

Open Meeting law requires that the following must be included in the minutes:

- ✓ Date, place, time and matters discussed.
- ✓ Summaries of discussions
- ✓ List of documents used
- ✓ Decisions made
- ✓ Actions taken
- ✓ Record of all votes (yeas, nays and abstentions).
- ✓ A list of all documents and other exhibits, such as photographs, recordings, maps and presentations used by the body at the open or executive session.

Future Meetings Planned: (All at 7pm at the Acton Memorial Library Conference Room, on the second Wednesday of the month, unless noted)

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